



Welcome to the **July 2026** edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

July 2026 Club Meeting - Tuesday night July 7th, Stratford Town Centre

Happy Canada Day, everyone! 🇨🇦 This month's club meeting will be held Tuesday, July 7th, at the Stratford Town Centre. Start time: 7:00 P.M. As always, everyone is welcome to attend, not just club members. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the Fall 2025 class are automatically members of the club for 2026. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900–2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Centre on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange where we learn about a broad range of subjects, anything from antenna design to the installation of solar panels.

Brent Taylor VY2HF [SK] - Celebration of Life

Brent's celebration of life took place in Miramichi, NB, on June 20th, 2026. Thanks to all the club members who were able to attend. And thanks to Ron MacKay VE1AIC for sharing his photos. More can be seen on our Discord channel under #brent-vy2hf-celebration-of-life.



POTA (Parks on the Air) Clinic - July 4th, Covehead Harbour Lighthouse

Come join Mike (VY2MG) and Ricardo (VY2AN) this Saturday morning July 4 at 9:00 AM for a Parks on the Air Clinic. They will be setting up at the beautiful Covehead Harbour Lighthouse, located right within the Prince Edward Island National Park, so it is a twofer, POTA Parks CA-0076 and CA-5288.

Whether you are already licensed or preparing to take your amateur radio test, everyone is welcome to drop by. They will be there until 10:30 AM.

What You Can Expect

Live Setup: See exactly how to deploy portable stations in the field.

Dual-Band Activation: Watch them run 15m and 20m concurrently using band-pass filters to prevent interference.

Get On The Air: Just like a Field Day GOTA station, you can step up to the mic and make real contacts with their guidance.

Learn the Process: Discover how to hunt, activate, and log your park contacts successfully.

It is the perfect, stress-free environment to learn the ropes of portable operating and connect with the local community. See you at the lighthouse!

Field Day 2026 Review

Field Day was a big success down at the Georgetown Civic Centre in eastern PEI this year. They managed to make a number of great contacts on four HF stations and even achieved a satellite contact for 100 bonus points! Thanks to Mike McNeill VY2MG, Ron MacKay VE1AIC, and Ricardo Angel VY2AN for permission to use their photos. There are more photos over on our Discord channel.



52nd Annual Ontario Hamfest - July 11th, Milton, ON

For any of you who are around the GTA this July, the Burlington Amateur Radio Club is holding their 52nd annual Ontario Hamfest on Saturday, July 11th. The location is Milton, ON, just west of Toronto. Open for tailgate vendors from 7:00 AM and the general public from 9:00 AM, admission is \$10. Vendors pay an extra \$10. Click [here](https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest) for more information (<https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest>).

CARC Flea Market - July 25th, Cornwall Civic Centre, Cornwall

Mark it down on your calendars! The Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club (CARC) will be holding our annual Amateur Radio Flea Market on Saturday July 25, 2026, at the Cornwall Civic Center, located at 29 Cornwall Rd, Cornwall, PE C0A 1H0. Please note that this is a different location than the last several years.

Doors open for sellers at 8:00 AM and buyers will be admitted to the hall at 9:30 AM. The flea market will wrap up at or around 1:30 AM.

The cost of entry will be \$5.00 at the door. The cost of reserving a table for selling items will be an additional \$10.00. Included in the \$5.00 fee is a coffee, tea, or water and inclusion in the draw for the following door prizes. There will be two \$20 gas cards in lieu of Confederation Bridge Passes, which will be available only to non-Island attendees, two \$50 gas cards and one Retevis VHF/UHF hand held transceiver. You must be present to claim your door prize. Prizes will be drawn at 12:00 noon. In addition there will be various chilis and rolls available.

There is a limit of 30 tables available, so if you are interested in selling, please be sure to book early. Sellers can reserve a table by sending \$10.00 via Interac e-transfer to treasurer@charlottetownarc.com. Please include your name, callsign and the fact you are reserving a flea market table in the comment section of the e-transfer transaction.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

ISED Proposed Changes to Tower Policy

In June, Canada's radio regulator, Innovation, Science and Development Canada (ISED), released a consultation on their proposals for changes to their policy on antennas and towers. These proposals will speed up and make easier the processes required to get permission to erect antenna systems. The changes were designed to make things easier for commercial telecommunications providers, but they offer many improvements to Radio Amateurs. For full details, check out the RAC news release:

<https://www.rac.ca/ised-proposes-changes-to-tower-policy/>

Contest Calendar - July

[RAC Canada Day Contest](#) – 0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1, 2026

[2026 World Soccer Tournament](#) – June 11 - July 19, 2026

[IARU HF World Championship](#) – 1200Z, Jul 11 to 1200Z, Jul 12, 2026

Also check out <https://contestcalendar.com> for other contests.

Meetings and Events Calendar - July

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)
- 4, 11, 18, 25: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
- 4, 11, 18, 25: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)
- 6: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)
- 7: CARC Monthly club meeting (in Stratford)

Future Events:

August 15-16, 2026: [International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend](#)

September 12, 2026: [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2026 Hamfest](#)

October 2-3, 2026: [NEAR-Fest XL \(Fall Edition\)](#)

Help Us Out! Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Find us over on the club's Discord server under #newsletter, or drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.